

SECTION III—REMARKS

This election and amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims into two groups that allegedly define patentably distinct inventions: Group I, comprising claims 1-19, and Group II, comprising claims 20-37.

The present application is a divisional application. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner, Applicants' legal representative pointed out that claims 1-19 had been retained in the parent application, and that these same claims had already been canceled from the present application in a preliminary amendment. The Examiner concurred, but nonetheless requested that Applicants file this response to the restriction requirement.

Applicants have elected, without traverse, to prosecute in the present application the invention of Group II, comprising claims 20-37. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the elected claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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